



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt Resolution Approving Pedestrian Safety Improvements on Tokay Street at Virginia Avenue and Appropriating Funds (\$3,000)

MEETING DATE: May 4, 2005

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt a resolution approving the pedestrian safety improvements on Tokay Street at Virginia Avenue and appropriating funds.


BACKGROUND INFORMATION: City staff has received several requests for pedestrian improvements at Tokay Street and Virginia Avenue, such as installing multi-way stop signs and additional pedestrian warning signs. Based on the existing traffic volumes and reported collision data, this intersection does not meet the guidelines for multi-way stop controls. This intersection is adjacent to Vinewood Elementary School, and the recent pedestrian count shows over fifty school-aged pedestrians cross Tokay Street at Virginia Avenue on a typical afternoon.

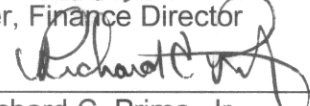
Staff recommends installing "in-street" pedestrian (ISP) signs and a raised median, as shown in the exhibits. This sign has recently been approved at both State and Federal levels. In addition to the ISP signs, additional pedestrian signs will be installed in the sidewalk at the crosswalk. Staff also recommends removal of the east leg crosswalk to alleviate the perception of a multi-way stop control. At four-legged intersections with crosswalks on both uncontrolled legs, motorists perceive the intersection operating as a four-way stop controlled intersection. Removing the crosswalk will also assist the adult crossing guard in crossing the pedestrians. Prior to the removal, appropriate notification will be placed at the crossing.

Staff has met with the Vinewood School Principal and the Police Department School Resource Officer, and they concur with staff's recommendations. If approved, the concrete median work will be constructed as a change order to the City's current annual concrete construction contract. The work will be scheduled for July, during Vinewood Elementary School's summer break.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no annual maintenance cost; however, the two ISPs will need to be replaced every ten years at an approximate cost of \$500.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: The funding source is Transportation Development Act.
Project Estimate: \$3,000


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Public Works Director

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Attachments

cc: City Attorney
Senior Traffic Engineer

Street Superintendent
LUSD Vinewood Principal Kitsy Smith

Police Chief
Lodi PD Officer Terry Martin

APPROVED: 
Blair King, City Manager

Tokay Street at Virginia Avenue

Crossing Improvements @ Vinewood School

TOKAY ST

610

AVE

'01

1611

1601

STOP

Assembly B

12' x 20" Median

3' x 20" Median

S4-3
R1-6

Remove Crosswalk

SLOW

SCHOOL

XING

1600

Vinewood School

Assembly B

STOP

700

VIRGINIA



S4-3

R1-6



Assembly B



**TRAVELING EAST ON TOKAY STREET
APPROACHING VIRGINIA AVENUE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-93

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL
APPROVING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY
IMPROVEMENTS ON TOKAY STREET AT
VIRGINIA AVENUE, AND FURTHER
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THIS PROJECT

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby approve the pedestrian safety improvements on Tokay Street at Virginia Avenue, which will include 1) "in-street" pedestrian signs and a raised median, 2) additional pedestrian signs will be installed in the sidewalk at the crosswalk, and 3) removal of the east leg crosswalk to alleviate the perception of a multi-way stop control; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby appropriates \$3,000 from the Transportation Development Act for this project.

Dated: May 4, 2005

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2005-93 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held May 4, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hansen, Hitchcock, Johnson, Mounce,
and Mayor Beckman

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None



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April 28, 2005

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Lodi Unified School District
Terry Martin – Police Services
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Lodi, CA 95240

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Enclosed is a copy of background information on an item on the City Council agenda of
Wednesday, May 4, 2005. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the
City Council Chamber, Carnegie Forum, 305 West Pine Street.

This item is on the consent calendar and is usually not discussed unless a
Council Member requests discussion. The public is given an opportunity to address
items on the consent calendar at the appropriate time.

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City of Lodi, P. O. Box 3006, Lodi, California, 95241-1910. Be sure to allow time for the
mail. Or, you may hand-deliver the letter to City Hall, 221 West Pine Street.

If you wish to address the Council at the Council Meeting, be sure to fill out a speaker's
card (available at the Carnegie Forum immediately prior to the start of the meeting) and
give it to the City Clerk. If you have any questions about communicating with the
Council, please contact Susan Blackston, City Clerk, at 333-6702.

If you have any questions about the item itself, please call Paula Fernandez,
Senior Traffic Engineer, at 333-6800, extension 2667.

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for: Richard C. Prima, Jr.
Public Works Director

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Enclosure

cc: City Clerk